

#### DEATH OF MRS. SIMEON H. SIS- TRUNK

The death angel has invaded the home of one of our pioneer citizens and robbed it of its guiding hand, and left the home vacant and desolate.

Mrs. Texana Pinkston Sistrunk, wife of Mr. Simeon H. Sistrunk, and mother of Messrs. Simeon T. Sistrunk, Carlos L. Sistrunk and Henry Sistrunk of this city, died at the home of her son-in-law, Dr. Willis, at Montbrook on Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock. She was 67 years of age.

Mrs. Sistrunk had been a severe sufferer for months before death came to her relief. She was taken to Jacksonville about two weeks ago, and, as a last resort, an operation for appendicitis was performed, and while it was successful her age militated against her recovery, and she was taken back to her home, to be with those whom she loved best and who loved her best.

She did not bear the journey back as well as was fondly anticipated, so on reaching Montbrook she was taken to the home of her son-in-law, where she died the following day.

Mrs. Sistrunk was born in Ocala and spent her childhood and school days here, and is well and pleasantly remembered by all of our older inhabitants.

She was Miss Texana Pinkston. She was married to Mr. Sistrunk at the time of the civil war. She was taken as a bride to her home near Montbrook, where she has ever since resided.

She was the mother of nine children, five boys and four girls, and was indeed a "mother in Israel." She was a crown to her husband, and was as a gem set with pearls to her children, and trained them up in such a way as to be an honor and delight to her, and well may they exclaim with Coleridge that a mother is the holiest thing alive, whose death is greatest to be mourned.

Mrs. Sistrunk's remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground near Montbrook Monday afternoon, and around her grave were gathered her sorrowing husband, all the surviving children and the members of a whole community, and the flowers they placed upon her mound and the tears they shed showed in what esteem she was held.

#### DEATH OF MR. J. C. FRENCH

Mr. J. C. French who has been sick for the past ten days, and unconscious for the past week, died at his residence in the second ward at 4 o'clock Friday day morning.

The deceased was in his eighty-seventh year, but until a few days before his last sickness enjoyed remarkably vigorous health.

Mr. French was born in Connecticut, but moved to Worcester, Mass., when quite a young man. He was a contractor and builder, and at one time was a very wealthy man. He came to Florida about twenty-five years ago, and was attracted to Silver Springs Park in its boom days. He purchased property there and erected a nice dwelling, and spent his winters there, and finally made it his home and lived there all the year round.

He was very popular with his neighbors, and they elected him mayor of this aspiring city, which office he held until the Park began to decline.

Mr. French moved to Ocala about five years ago, and continued to live here until his death.

The funeral was held Saturday at 11 o'clock in the undertaking parlors of Messrs. McIver & MacKay, and the body was shipped on the mid-day train for Worcester, Mass., his old home, for interment.

Mr. French leaves a wife, one son, Mr. Charles C. French, of this city, and two daughters, one living in New York and one in Boston, and a host of friends to mourn his death.

#### LIGHT FAVORS STATE PROHIBITION

Reddick, Fla., April 27, 1908.

Mr. W. T. Gary, President of Anti-Saloon League, Ocala, Fla.:

Dear Sir—Answering your open letter to the legislative candidates of March 13th, will say:

Under normal conditions I prefer county local option to state prohibition. Conditions are not normal now. I am opposed to the placing of a moral issue like the closing of the open saloon in the hands of the ignorant, non-tax paying negro voter for a decision. It requires intelligence and an educational qualification for a voter to vote on a constitutional amendment, and a decision by a constitutional amendment voices the will of the intelligent voter. Therefore, I say if I become a member of the next legislature I will work and vote for a constitutional amendment to be voted on by the people for state prohibition.

Yours truly,

L. S. Light.

Mrs. J. M. Barco returns to Sunny Slope Farm Sunday, after spending a couple of days in Ocala. This was her first visit here in some months, and friends were glad to see her again.

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